IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Woiciech K. Slusarek, et al

IMAGING ELEMENT CONTAINING A BLOCKED PHOTOGRAPHICALLY USEFUL COMPOUND

Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/711,769

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1752

Examiner: Richard L. Schilling

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination of this case, please amend the aboveidentified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, please insert the following before the first line

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Divisional of application no. 09/711,769, filed November 13, 2000, now allowed.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 32.

REMARKS

Preliminary to Examination of this case, please amend the application as indicated above. Enclosed also is an IDS for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request examination at the earliest date.

Respectfully submitted,

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